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*Attn: Nai Tam*  
*Video Division*  
*Media Bureau*

Re: Station WHBF-DT (Facility ID #13950), Rock Island, IL: Request for Waiver of Interference Protection Deadline for Digital Facilities (Pursuant to Report and Order in MD Docket No. 03-15) and Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization for Digital Television Operations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Coronet Communications Company ("Coronet"), licensee of station WHBF-TV, Rock Island, IL and permittee of station WHBF-DT, Rock Island, IL, hereby requests a waiver of the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline, and a corresponding extension of its current grant of Special Temporary Authorization (BEDSTA-20050512AFJ) ("STA") to continue to operate the facilities of digital television station WHBF-DT in accordance with the technical specifications of the granted STA.

Due to circumstances beyond its control, Coronet anticipates that it will not be able to complete construction of WHBF-DT's digital replication facilities pursuant to its construction permit in File No. BMPCDT-20000428ABF by the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline established by the Commission for top four network affiliates in the top 100 DMAs. Completion of construction has been delayed primarily due to the significant amount of work that has been required to strengthen the tower. This work can only be performed when the winds are 15 mph or less, and has taken longer than anticipated. However, at this point the tower strengthening work is substantially complete, most of the transmission line has been installed on the tower, work on installation of the antenna has commenced, and installation of the transmitter is expected to be completed within a few days. Although significant progress has been made, the antenna mounting and the installation of the remainder of the transmission line must still be completed.

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The delays described above will prevent Coronet from completing construction of the digital replication facilities authorized in its construction permit by July 1, 2005. Therefore, pursuant to paragraph 87 of the Commission's *Second DTV Periodic Review Report and Order* (released September 7, 2004) (MB Docket 03-15; 19 FCC Rcd 18,279), Coronet hereby requests a six-month waiver of the July 1, 2005 interference protection deadline for WHBF-DT to enable it to complete construction of the authorized replication facilities. While Coronet does not believe it will need the full six months, it makes this request out of an abundance of caution and to avoid the likelihood of any further waiver request being required.

Coronet also hereby requests that the STA be extended for an additional six-month period to enable WHBF-DT to continue to operate until the replication facilities are completed.

Coronet certifies that (i) the requested STA facilities are in compliance with the FCC's rules, including the community of license coverage requirement and the FCC's policy on RF radiation and (ii) the predicted signal coverage of the requested facility does not exceed the predicted signal contour in the DTV Table of Allotments. Thus, grant of the requested extension of STA is consistent with FCC rules, and in the public interest, convenience and necessity because it will permit WHBF to continue to provide DTV service to Rock Island, IL.

Coronet hereby certifies that neither it, nor any of its partners is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

Enclosed is a check payable to the Federal Communications Commission in the amount of \$150.00 to cover the requisite filing fee, and an FCC Remittance Advice Form 159.

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If there are any questions about this request, please contact counsel for Coronet Communications Company, David D. Burns of Latham & Watkins LLP, at (202) 637-2251.

Very truly yours,



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